



## Weekly Events and Programs March 5, 2010

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### **The Cherry Point Young Marine Program**

The Cherry Point Young Marines will be holding their next Recruit Training for all youths between the ages of 8-18 who are interested in joining. A parent meeting will be held on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Reserve Support Unit (RSU) building 4100. Recruit Training will start on Friday, March 19. For more information visit [www.cherrypointyoungmarines.com](http://www.cherrypointyoungmarines.com) or call Paula Cusson at 444-5914.

### **All Access Pass of MCAS Cherry Point**

As a thank you for your service as an involved military spouse, let Marine Corps Family Team Building guide you on a behind-the-scenes tour of Cherry Point on Thursday, March 25 from 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Take a bus ride to the flight line for tours of Cherry Point aircraft. Have lunch at the Mess Hall and experience a working dog demonstration. Participate in a humvee excursion and check out a combat simulator. Call 466-4637 to register. To register for free childcare at the CDC call 466-3491.

### **Hip Hop & R&B Night**

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 pm-1:00 am at Cunningham's. This is a free event with a live DJ, door prizes, giveaways and food specials. Call 466-3027 for more information.

### **Ladies Night**

Enjoy ladies only drink specials on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pit. Doors open at 4:00 pm. The Pit is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deck of the BOQ (Madison Drive). For more information call 466-9561.

### **4 Lenses: Coloring Your Personality**

Do you know if you're a green, gold, blue, or orange personality type? Find out how in this MCFTB class. Based on your color, you'll learn how you can become a better friend and spouse. Friday, March 19 from 9:00-11:30 am at MCFTB bldg 294, wing 7, C Street. Call 466-4637 to register. To register for free childcare call the CDC at 466-3491.

### **MCAS Cherry Point Officers' Spouses Club 2010 Time, Talent & Treasure Auction and Wine Tasting**

Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at The Pit. Wine tasting and silent auction from 6:00-7:00 pm and live time, talent and treasure auction beginning at 7:00 pm. \$20 per person early registration, \$25 at the door. To purchase your registration, contact your unit/group poc or visit [www.cherrypointosc.org](http://www.cherrypointosc.org) to download a registration form. Proceeds to benefit scholarships, assistance grants and military family funding through participating units.

### **St. Patrick's Day Party**

Wednesday, March 17 from 4:00-9:00 pm at The Pit located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> deck of the BOQ (Madison Drive). Drink specials and free traditional Irish foods. For more information call 466-9561.

### **Twin Rivers Career Fair**

Thursday, March 11 from 12:00 – 4:30 pm at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center located at 203 Front Street, New Bern. This event is sponsored by Craven County Job Link/Employment Security Commission in partnership with MCCS Marine & Family Services, Transition Assistance Program and will have representatives from over 25 businesses. This is a free event. For more information call Marine & Family Services at 466-4401.

### **EFMP Quarterly Meeting for Special Needs Information**

Join the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) on Thursday, March 25 from 7:00-9:00 am at Joe's Coffeehouse inside Cunningham's for complimentary coffee/juice and muffins. Meet representatives from a various services aboard MCAS Cherry Point who can assist you in understanding & accessing available services for special needs. Open to EFMP families and others interested in these issues. For more information call 466-2568.

### **2010 Military Motherhood Award**

Do you know a deserving military mother that you would like to nominate for a special award? Voting is now open! While service members can earn a variety of awards and recognition, their family members rarely step into the spotlight for public thanks. That's why Operation Homefront and Lockheed Martin offer the Military Motherhood Award. They are recognizing the sacrifices and strength of the moms who always manage to put their families first through all the challenges of a military lifestyle. Nominations opened March 1, 2010. Winners are chosen based on their contributions to their communities, the challenges they overcome and the quality of the nominations. The winner receives \$5,000 and is flown to Washington, D.C., to be honored in a special ceremony on May 6, 2010. We'll accept nominations from March 1 – March 22. To nominate a Military Mother, please visit the following website between now and February 25

<<http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=40898251&msgid=187566&act=7RD3&c=604059&destination=http%3A%2F%2Foperationhomefront.net%2Fservicedetail.aspx%3Fid%3D1196>>

### **Daddy Daughter Dance**

Saturday, March 13 from 6:30-9:30 pm at the Cherry Tree House on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All fathers, father figures, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, foster parents, godfathers, caregivers and older brothers are invited to enjoy an evening of "Lights, Camera, Action" with that special "Star" in their lives. Dress to impress. \$15 per daddy & daughter and \$7 for each additional daughter. For registration or more information call 466-3861.

### **School PCS (Positive Change of Schools) Class**

Thursday, March 11, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Thursday, April 1, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Wednesday, April 7 5:30-6:30 pm

Strategies and skills for supporting children! Gain knowledge on what to do at the exiting school, what to do at the receiving school, get specific information on schools and contacts at your new duty station, and techniques to make this a smooth move for your child. Childcare can be arranged if you register in advance. This class will be located at the Station Headquarters, Building 4817 located on C Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in the large conference room. For more information or to register call 466-4196 or email [donna.bagley@usmc.mil](mailto:donna.bagley@usmc.mil).

### **Youth Indoor Soccer League**

Register children ages 7 - 15 now through Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cherry Tree House on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The cost is \$25 for the first child in the family and \$20 for each additional child in the same family. Proof of age is required at registration. There will be a \$5 late fee for registration after March 26<sup>th</sup>. Practice begins on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Children receive a t-shirt, ball and water bottle. For more information call 466-5493/4825.

### **Teen Military Appreciation Essay Contest**

Teens, ages 12-18, can write a 500 word or more essay on Military Appreciation and earn a chance to win 2 tickets (for yourself and a parent) to a Carolina Hurricanes hockey game to be held on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. This contest runs from Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Entries are to be turned in to the Community/Teen Center no later than Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information call 466-4831.

### **The Couple's Connection**

Every Thursday in March from 1:00-2:30 pm join Marine and Family Services for an interactive four part workshop focused on enhancing the connection you have with your spouse. Topics will include establishing healthy communication patterns, managing marital expectations, fighting fair, and meeting your partner's needs. This free event will be held at Building 232, classroom 118 on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and E Streets. Call 466-3264 for registration and information.

### **Mayhem Fridays**

Fridays, March 19 and April 23, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Community Center. This is a FREE event for teens ages 12-18. Compete in games/tournaments, listen to music, hang out with friends and much, much more. Call 466-4831 for more information.

**Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) Tuition Temporarily Halted**

Effective immediately, the MyCAA program is temporarily halting operations. During the pause, no new MyCAA accounts may be created and no new financial assistance applications will be accepted. This pause will not affect approved Financial Assistance documents. Spouses who already have a MyCAA account may continue to use the MyCAA website for career counseling and planning. For more information contact your FRO or visit <http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/MilitarySpouseCareerAdvancementAccounts.aspx>

**Matters of the Heart, A Class for Couples**

This free two-part series offers practical, ready to use tools that focus on improving your marriage and keeping your love alive and resilient. Both sessions are from 9:30-11:30 am and will be held at MCFTB, Bldg 294, Wing 7, C Street.

1<sup>st</sup> session – Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>; Part I: Fun matters & fighting above the belt

2<sup>nd</sup> session – Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>; Part II: Money matters & trust matters

For required registrations call 466-4637 by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Free childcare will be available. Call the CDC at 466-3491 to reserve your spot.

**Tax Center aboard MCAS Cherry Point**

FREE tax preparation for ALL Active Duty, Reservists, Retirees and Dependents beginning January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday, 0900-1630

Wednesday, 0900-1900 (After 1630 by appointment only)

The Tax Center will be located in Building 229 on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (next to the Cherry Tree House).

Their phone number will be 466-2001. For more information visit

<http://www.cherrypoint.usmc.mil/TaxCenter/default.asp>

**Student Online Achievement Resources (SOAR) Training Class**

Thursday, April 8, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

SOAR is a program for military families and the school districts that serve them. This class will be located at the Station Headquarters, Building 4817 located on C Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in the large conference room. For more information or to register call 466-4196 or email

[donna.bagley@usmc.mil](mailto:donna.bagley@usmc.mil).

**Belly Basics Class**

Pregnant? Don't miss this free class held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month from 8:30 am-12:00 pm at Bldg 286 (corner of D Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Relax & enjoy your pregnancy. Have your questions answered and meet new friends. Topics include: how your baby grows month by month, pregnancy discomforts, weight gain and nutrition, exercise, sex and intimacy, environmental hazards; drug, alcohol and tobacco use in pregnancy; domestic violence and stress management. Space is limited. Call 466-3651 to sign up.

**Cherry Point Officers' Spouses Club Scholarship Program**

The Officers' Spouses Club (OSC) of Cherry Point is now accepting college scholarship applications. For more information on eligibility requirements and to download an application please visit [www.cherrypoint.osc.org](http://www.cherrypoint.osc.org). Applications must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

**Deployment Support Group**

Spouses, are you struggling through your Marine's deployment? You are not alone. Come together with other spouses who are experiencing the hardships of separations and deployments. This is a free event on Tuesdays, March 16, April 13 and May 18 from 10:00-11:00 am at Marine Corps Family Team Building located in building 294, wing 7, C Street. They will focus on the emotional cycle of deployment, stress management, long distance communication, dealing with single parenting and how to prepare for return and reunion. To register or for more information call 466-4637. To register for free childcare call the CDC at 466-3491.

### **Operation Purple Camp**

This free summer camp program was developed by the National Military Family Association to support military children dealing with the stress of war. The seventh summer of Operation Purple camps will host children at 68 locations in 36 states as well as 2 overseas locations. Individual camp site information will be available on March 15 when registration opens. Information about the camp program and eligibility is available online at [www.militaryfamily.org](http://www.militaryfamily.org). Specific camp information will be available when registration opens on March 15, 2010. Until then, interested families can sign up to receive email notices and announcements on the website.

Camps are free to all participants thanks to support from the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.

### **Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2 Video Game Tournament**

Every Monday during the month of March at Cunningham's starting at 7:00 pm. Earn a spot to compete in the finals to be held at the Station Theater. This is a free event. For more information call 466-3027.

### **MCAS Cherry Point Air Show**

Friday – Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Visit [www.cherrypointairshow.com](http://www.cherrypointairshow.com) for more information.

### **Parent's Night Out**

Saturdays, March 6 and April 17. The Child Development Center and Cherry Tree House Youth Program will be offering evening care on the first Saturday of each month. They will be open from 6:00-10:00 pm plus snacks will be served, but children should eat dinner beforehand. The cost is \$3.00 an hour per child. For required registration or more information, call the CDC at 466-6886 or the Cherry Tree House at 466-3861 a week in advance. Reservations and hourly payment are required by the close of business no later than the first Wednesday of the month.

### **Saturday Afternoon Care**

Saturdays, March 20 and April 10. The Child Development Center & Cherry Tree House Youth Program will be open from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. For required registration, call the CDC or the Cherry Tree House a week in advance. The cost is only \$3.00 an hour per child. Snacks will be served. Reservations and hourly payment are required by the close of business no later than the Wednesday prior to the Saturday. STACC forms & updated shots are required. For more information call the CDC at 466-3105 or the Cherry Tree House at 466-3861

### **Free Online Tutoring**

We could all use a little extra help sometimes, so the United States Marine Corps has now teamed up with Tutor.com to offer Live Homework Help to military dependents! [www.usmc-mccs.org/library/tutor](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/library/tutor) The program features a drawing board for demonstrating concepts, live online chat, file sharing resources, and real live tutors! They can help with math, science, social studies or language arts at all levels.

To get started, contact your base library at 466-3552 to get the password to use the program in the comfort of your own home.

### **U.S. Census Bureau**

U.S. Census Bureau is offering part-time jobs. The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census here on Cherry Point. According to a release issued by the Census Bureau, "These short-term jobs offer good pay (starting at \$11 per hour), flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Best of all, census takers work right in their own communities."

Those wishing to pursue employment with the 2010 Census must successfully pass a written exam. To get more information, call toll-free 1-866-861-2010. Contact your FRO for a copy of a sample test.

### **Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Monthly Social Group**

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Month from 9:00-11:00 am at the MCCS Community Center located on Stanley Road. Join the group for food, fun and the sharing of new ideas and resources. Call 466-3305 for more information or directions.

### **Learn-to-Swim**

The following classes are held at the combat pool. Classes are \$30 per student per session. Class dates/times may change as required and all classes are subject to a minimum enrollment.

Session 2 – March 9<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays. Register Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

Session 3 – April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 13<sup>th</sup>. Classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays. Register Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

Register in the Aquatic Office, Building 293 inside the MCCS Career Development Center, next to the Mess Hall.

### **Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments**

Every Monday and Thursday at Cunningham's starting at 6:30 pm. This is a free event. Winner receives a MCX gift card. For more information call 466-3027.

### **8-Ball Pool Tournament**

Every Tuesday and Wednesday at Cunningham's starting at 7:00 pm. This is a free event. Winner receives a MCX gift card. For more information call 466-3027.

### **18 Hole Par 3 Golf Tournament**

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sound of Freedom Golf Course on Jackson Drive with a 12:30 pm shotgun start. The cost is \$25 per person which includes golf, cart fees and prizes.

Register by Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Golf Pro Shop. Call 466-3044 for more information.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual MCAS Cherry Point Half Marathon**

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (rain date Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>). Check-in from 6:00-7:00 am, race begins at 7:30 am at Sunset Park (large grassy area across from the flight-line on Roosevelt Blvd.) Register at the Devil Dog Gym, Special Events Coordinator or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Early registration until March 6<sup>th</sup> – All Hands \$25, Active Duty \$10. Registration from March 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – All Hands \$40, Active Duty \$20. Registration is limited to 250 participants and is open to the public. For more information contact Berna Crosby at 466-2208 or [Bernadine.crosby@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:Bernadine.crosby@usmc-mccs.org).

### **MCCS Cherry Point Commemorative Brick Campaign**

You may take advantage of this opportunity to memorialize and salute a fellow Marine or Sailor, a fallen comrade, or a family member by purchasing a laser engraved brick that will be permanently installed at the new Consolidated Club. Bricks purchased before April 1<sup>st</sup> will be installed before the Grand Opening. For more information or to purchase a brick visit <http://www.mccscherrypoint.com/commemorativebrickcampaign.htm>

### **L.I.N.K.S.**

L.I.N.K.S. is Marine Corps 101. Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills (L.I.N.K.S.) is presented by volunteer Marine Corps spouses. The environment is fun, warm and inviting. Enjoy free food while networking with new friends and gathering knowledge and insight into the Marine Corps lifestyle. L.I.N.K.S. is held at MCFTB, Building 294, Wing 7, C Street. Call 466-5588 or 466-6542 to register or for more information. Free Childcare can be reserved for those attending by calling the CDC at 466-3491 up to 4 weeks in advance.

The next L.I.N.K.S. sessions will be:

L.I.N.K.S. for spouses – March 30-31, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

L.I.N.K.S. for Marines – March 18, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

L.I.N.K.S. for Kids (6-12) – March 27, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

L.I.N.K.S. for Couples – March 13, 9:00 am-5:00pm

### **Marine & Family Service Classes**

Call 466-4401 to register.

Pre-Separation Brief – Tuesday-Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Tuesday-Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am-4:30 pm

This class outlines VA benefits, educational opportunities, pay entitlements, household good transportation & other topics of interest.

Self Employment – Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

This workshop is an introduction to basic concepts associated with self-employment.

Overseas Workshop – Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 pm

This workshop covers the Culture & Customs of living in Okinawa & Iwakuni as well as many other topics to include buying a car, insurance, inspections & finding a house.

Welcome Aboard – Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-11:30 am

Learn about the base & surrounding communities. A variety of speakers will provide you with important information & answer any questions you may have.

Job Fair Strategies – Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00 am

Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00-11:00 am

This workshop provides the participant with knowledge of what to do to prepare for a job fair, learn technique & strategies for effective participation in a job fair and learn what to do after a job fair in order to follow-up on positions they applied & leads generated.

Credit Management – Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 pm

Used wisely, consumer credit can be one of the most valuable resources an individual or family has. Used unwisely, it can become a liability & a threat to financial security. Come to this class & learn how to use credit wisely.

Basic Budgeting – Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:30am

Learn basic financial management skills & how to maximize your spending ability.

Career Decision-Making – Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 pm

This module provides essential resources in identifying career interest & evaluating skills in support of developing a career plan.

### **“Lil Crickets” Toddler Nature Club**

Held on the second & fourth Wednesdays of every month, 10:00-11:00 am at the Community Center on Stanley Road. You will explore critters of all sorts from lady bugs to lizards and be introduced to fun activities for their age level. The cost is \$10 per child ages 3-6 & one adult per 2 week session. Adult must accompany their child at all times. All supplies are included. Register early, space is limited. Call 466-4831 for more information or to register.

### **Mommy & Me Toddler Playgroup**

Held on the first & third Wednesdays of every month, 10:00 am-12:00 pm at the Community Center on Stanley Road. This is a FREE playgroup for infants through age 5 and parents. Crafts are available for \$1.00. Call 466-4831 for more information.

### **Daddy’s Baby Boot Camp/Mom’s Basic Training**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and Thursday of each month, 8:30 am-3:00 pm at the New Parent Support Program, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Building 286. This FREE class is for new parents & parents to be. Topics include: baby care basics, infant growth and development, safety and much more. The Mom’s class also covers pre and post partum emotions, communications with your partner and survival strategies for the early months. Reservations are required and space is limited! Call 466-3651 to register.

### **Enlisted Spouses Club Meetings**

The Enlisted Spouses Club meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Cherry Point Inn (BOQ) Conference Room located on Madison Drive aboard Cherry Point. The Club welcomes all Cherry Point enlisted spouses, E1 to E9, of active duty, retired or deceased military personnel from all branches. For more information, please email [cherryointesc@aol.com](mailto:cherryointesc@aol.com).

### **White Rose Consignments Hours**

White Rose Consignments is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am pending volunteer availability. You may consign furniture, appliances and uniforms on a space available basis. White Rose Consignments is located in Bldg. 3452, next to the base Dry Cleaners. Please email [cherryointesc@aol.com](mailto:cherryointesc@aol.com) for more information.

### **Officer Spouses Club**

The next monthly membership meeting is March 3, 2010 at 9:30 am at the Grant’s Landing Community Center. Membership forms and additional information is available on their website [www.cherryointesc.org](http://www.cherryointesc.org)



### **Whistle Stop and Treasures of the Point Gift Shoppe**

The Whistle Stop and Treasures of the Point Gift Shoppe are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm pending volunteer availability. The Whistle Stop needs volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The Treasures of the Point Gift Shoppe is looking for consignors to sell one-of-a kind décor, unique jewelry, wood pieces, etc. They are located on E Street in Building 1691 (across from the library). For more information call 444-0949 or visit [www.cherrypointosc.org](http://www.cherrypointosc.org).

### **Cherry Point Post Office**

The retail service portion of the Cherry Point Post Office is now open for business. The new hours of operation will be:

Monday – Friday, 9:30 am-1:15 pm and 2:15-4:15 pm  
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, closed

### **Clausen's Pizza, Wings & More Specials**

Clausen's is located inside Cunningham's on E Street. For more information or to place and order call 466-5555.

All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Buffet and Salad Bar – Tuesday and Thursday nights from 4:00-8:00 pm. \$5.95 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-11; add a drink for \$1.00

Wednesday Night BBQ Rib Special – Wednesdays from 5:00-8:00 pm

18oz of bbq country style pork ribs with coleslaw and fries for \$7.95

Wednesday Pizza Specials – Dine in or take out, Wednesdays from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm – closing.

Medium cheese, pepperoni or Italian sausage pizza \$5.55

Large 1 topping pizza \$7.99

Large unlimited topping pizza (no double toppings or extra cheese) \$11.99

2 medium 1-topping pizzas \$10.00

1 large 3-topping pizza \$9.99

Friday Fish Fry Special – Fridays beginning February 19 from 5:00-9:00 pm.

For only \$6.95 receive 2 pieces of fried Whiting, Carolina coleslaw, hushpuppies and French fries.

### **Skate Park Operating Hours**

Monday – Friday

- a. Skating 7:30 am-12:00 pm
- b. Biking 12:00-2:00 pm
- c. Skating 2:00-4:00 pm
- d. Biking 4:00 pm-dusk

Weekends

- a. Biking 9:00-11:00 am
- b. Skating 11:00 am-2:00 pm
- c. Biking 2:00 pm-dusk